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The Texas Numismatic Association invites everyone to attend its 36th Convention, to be held at the Tarrant County Convention Center, 111 Houston St., Fort Worth, Texas. "Early Bird" admission will be available on Thursday, April 28, from noon to closing time, for **$25.00** in advance, or **$30.00** at the door. Regular admission will be **free** to TNA members and anyone under 18 years of age, Friday-Saturday, April 29-30, and **$2.00** for non-TNA members for both days. Admission on Sunday, May 1, will be **free** to everyone. Call Chris Keogh or Everett Hull at 1-800-433-7005 for more details.

TNA members are asked to volunteer to help out at the show, in various capacities. Please come to the TNA membership table in the lobby and sign up to work a shift or two. You'll enjoy it, and it will help to keep the show profitable and enjoyable for everyone involved.

The Convention Hotel is the Ramada Inn (Fort Worth Downtown), 1701 Commerce St., Fort Worth, TX 76102. The direct telephone number is (817) 335-7000.

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A group of TNA Board members gathered at the home of TNA President Joe Olsen in February to discuss the convention, ways of promoting numismatics and, of course, TNA in general. It was decided at that time to adopt the convention admission policy described above. In an attempt to slow the escalation of table costs for dealers, it was decided to raise the price of "Early Bird" admissions and to charge a nominal fee for non-member admissions on Friday and Saturday. Please note that TNA members and everyone under 18 years of age will be admitted free on Friday and Saturday, and that everyone will get in for free on Sunday.

It was also decided that, in order to encourage kids to get involved in numismatics, TNA would start a "Coins for Grades" program. TNA is seeking donations of inexpensive, but interesting, U.S. and world coins, paper money, tokens and medals, to be awarded to children who send copies of their report cards to the *TNA News* editor. Students will be awarded coins based on their number or letter grades. No precise award levels have yet been defined, but A's, B's and C's will be rewarded on a sliding scale, to be determined by the level of donations received and student response. Students receiving coins through the program will also have their names (but NOT their grades) published in the *TNA News*. Students do not need to be TNA members to participate. Let's get started NOW and let the idea evolve as necessary! Donations of coins, copies of report cards, questions and suggestions should all be sent to the *TNA News* Editor, P.O. Box 14711, Austin, TX 78761-4711. Let's get going on this! We think this is going to be fun, and successful!

1994 TNA Convention Schedule of Educational and Special Events

Friday, April 29, 1994

2:00 p.m. **Guest speaker, ANA President David L. Ganz**
Continuing a long-standing tradition of cooperation and mutual support between ANA and TNA

3:00 p.m. **Society of Paper Money Collectors Regional Meeting**
Slide show by Frank Clark on "Error Notes"

Saturday, April 30, 1994

1:00 p.m. **TNA Library Numismatic Literature Auction**
Public and Mail Bid Sale of duplicate and surplus items from the TNA Library - An auction catalog, including an itemized listing of lots and terms of sale, is enclosed in this issue of the TNA News

3:00 p.m. **Early American Coppers, Inc. Regional Meeting and Colonial Coin Collectors Club Meeting** (combined)
Slide shows (from ANS) by Bob Metzger on "Die Varieties of the 1794 Large Cent" and "America's Copper Coinage, 1783-1793"

4:00 p.m. **Show and Tell**
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President's Message

Joe Olson

The key word of the season is BUSY. So much to do. So little time. We are looking forward to a successful TNA convention at the end of this month. A heartfelt thanks to all who have worked very hard in order that each of us may have an enjoyable and educational experience. We hope you have an opportunity to visit the convention. It will be time well spent. Please come by to see us. We look forward to meeting or seeing you again.

Events of the last two months include the presentation of the ANA Medal of Merit to Lyman Bartee by fellow Texan and ANA Governor David Lisot. This prestigious award honors distinguished service to numismatics. Few have played so large a role in numismatics in Texas as Lyman. TNA is honored to have Lyman as one of its native sons.

Recent shows in Waco, Houston, Dallas/Fort Worth, Pharr, Corpus Christi and other places have demonstrated a rebirth of interest in collectibles. It's good to see so much activity on the bourse floor.

Fred Gowdy will be presented for Board approval as the new TNA District 17 Governor. Fred has worked very hard as a member of the both the Fort Worth and Waco clubs. He is intelligent, energetic, and is full of new ideas. Fred, it will be a pleasure to work with you.

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Leo DeLand

There have been a number of interesting articles and comments in recent *Coin World* issues. In the February 7 issue, 1994 cents are reported to already have been found in circulation. Another article comments about the Jefferson commemorative having a dual date of 1743-1993, neither one the date of issue. Darn! It would be nice if there was a "low mintage year" so we could have the speculators play with $ numbers. Time will tell.

In the February 14 issue, it was reported that the '93 silver proof eagles had the lowest sales since the piece was introduced in '86, with a mintage of only 371,360 silver dollars, 33,547 one ounce gold pieces, and comparably low totals for the half, quarter and tenth ounce pieces. There may be advantages in putting some of these away for your great-great-great-grandkids; by then, they should have appreciated enough to get ahead of the value of paper currency and inflation.

The February 21 edition reports the issue of a transportation token marking the Super Bowl. Did you token collectors add some of these to your portfolio? Also, have you found any '94 pennies with die chips and cracks? That might be a neat addition to the odd and curious or error collections - and you don't have to pay a premium if you locate any. When you can put 'em away at face value, there really isn't too much you can lose. After all, if you get tired of 'em, you can always spend 'em.

By the time this author writes his next article, the annual TNA convention in Fort Worth will have already happened. There should be plenty to report from everyone concerned. I'll be manning the auction booth, so come by and holler "Hi." Let me hear from you what you want to see in this publication - after all, you're a member of the clan - and your input is always appreciated. And if you "dew drop in" and I need your assistance, you may find yourself having volunteered to help.

Some favorite expressions I've run across recently:

From Albert Einstein: "The most important thing is not to stop questioning. Curiosity has its own reason for existing. One cannot help but be in awe when he contemplates the mysteries of eternity of life, of the marvelous structure of reality. It is enough if one tries merely to to comprehend a little of this mystery every day. Never lose a curiosity."

From Bill Vaughn: "A citizen of America will cross the ocean to fight for democracy, but won't cross the street to vote in a national election."

From an Arabian proverb: "All mankind is divided into three classes: those that are immovable, those that are movable, and those that move."

'Til the next time - be kind to each other out there!

A Few Words From the Editor

Bob Metzger

There's been a lot of talk lately about a revival of interest in numismatics. The word from shows is that collectors, rather than investors, are returning as the dominant force in the hobby. From this writer's perspective, there certainly seems to be a revival of interest in TNA. The number of club reports I receive has increased dramatically over the last year, and the content of the reports indicates that member participation at meetings and in the community has also risen sharply. I, for one, am thrilled to see such enthusiasm, and I want to see it manifested in one more way: articles for this newsletter! Come on, everyone, there is a very small backlog of articles at the present. Now is YOUR chance to share your stories, research, anecdotes, or speculations with other hobbyists. Approximately 900 copies of each issue of the *TNA News* are printed and distributed throughout the U.S., Canada and Mexico, so there's quite an audience out there. You don't have to be a pro, either. I edit whatever goes into these pages for grammar, spelling, accuracy and taste. Okay, okay, but I do TRY to do all that.

While we're on the subject of communication, I want to talk a little about the Information Highway you've no doubt heard about. Just as the telephone changed and greatly improved the way people can stay in contact with one another, computers and digital communications are allowing people all over the world to exchange information in a very timely and inexpensive fashion. As a computer programmer/analyst, I have been fortunate to have had access to the Internet for many years, and have had at my fingertips (literally!) the ability to send a message to someone else with Internet access. Now, as more and more people have access to Compuserve, Prodigy, Internet, etc., there is a tremendous opportunity to communicate with thousands of other people very easily and efficiently. The ANA has gotten involved, with its Numismatic Information Network, and the transcript of the Money Talks radio program on the Texas Jola that appears in this issue of the *TNA News* was transmitted to me by computer. There are a number of TNA members around the U.S. that I "talk" to regularly on the Internet. Through a non-ANA affiliated "coins" distribution list I have gotten TNA membership inquiries, advice and assistance on *TNA News* bulk mail from a postal worker in Puerto Rico (yes, it's part of the U.S.), and participated in spirited discussions with people from all over the world on numismatic topics. I strongly recommend that anyone with a computer contact ANA about the Numismatic Information Network, and get "on line" with it as soon as possible. I also urge anyone with Internet access to email me at metzger@tenet.edu and I'll tell you how to get on the "coins" distribution list and how to contact ANA.

So, if you have an article for the *TNA News*, mail it to me, email it to me or hand it to me at the TNA convention. See you there!

Lyman C. Bartee Receives ANA Medal of Merit

(as reported and photographed by Bob Metzger)

Approximately two dozen friends and family members were present in Austin on March 13 to witness the presentation of the American Numismatic Association's Medal of Merit to Lyman C. Bartee. The presentation was made by ANA Governor David Lisot, of Dallas.

Lyman has served the TNA for three decades in many capacities, including the presidency, and is currently District 4 Governor. He is TNA Life Member #41. Joining Lyman's proud wife, Mrs. Beulah (Pate) Bartee, for the presentation ceremony were TNA President Joe Olson, TNA members Mac and Eleanor Kennady, Harry Barnette, Owen Smith (and son, Emrys), Moton Crockett and Bob Metzger, and more than a dozen more of Lyman's friends.

In addition to the stunning silver medal, a lovely certificate proclaiming Lyman a Medal of Merit recipient, and another chronicling the high points of his contributions to the hobby were presented to Lyman by ANA Governor Lisot. Both of these documents are reproduced in reduced-size photocopies here. Unfortunately, the reproductions do not fully convey the beauty of the original certificates, but are included here for their historical importance and content.

The first Medals of Merit were awarded by the ANA in 1947, to J. Douglas Ferguson, Martin F. Kortjohn, Joseph Moss, Max M. Schwartz, and Julius Widner. At least one, but no more than seven, Medals of Merit have been awarded annually since. Other numismatic luminaries with Texas and/or TNA connections so honored include Lewis M. Reagan (1948), William A. Philpott, Jr. (1965), Clyde Hubbard (1976), Bob Medlar (1977), David R. Cervin (1984) and Harry Bass (1989). The only other 1994 recipient that this writer is aware of is Grover C. Criswell, Jr., of Florida, who is TNA Life Member #64.

CONGRATULATIONS, LYMAN!

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Presented to

Lyman C. Bartee

A native of Denton County, Texas, Lyman Bartee has been a member of the ANA for more than 30 years, loyally serving the hobby through the Association.

Lyman Bartee has worked as an ANA Club Representative and District Delegate. He served as hospitality chairman for the ANA's 1978 convention in Houston, Texas, and on the fund-raising committee in 1981 for the expansion of the ANA headquarters building.

Lyman Bartee has served the Texas Numismatic Association as convention coordinator, governor, and second and first vice president, as well as three terms as president. He also was secretary-treasurer of the Austin Texas Coin Club.

Named a Numismatic Ambassador by Numismatic News, Lyman Bartee is a recipient of the Lewis M. Reagan Memorial Foundation Award for outstanding service to numismatics in Texas.

For his loyal and continued support of the hobby, the American Numismatic Association is proud to present its Medal of Merit for distinguished service to LYMAN C. BARTEE, this 23rd day of January, 1994.

DAVID L. GANZ
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ANA Governor David Lisot (right) came to Austin on Sunday, March 13, 1994 to present the Medal of Merit and accompanying certificates to Lyman.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Lyman Bartee were quite pleased with Lyman s honor. Words cannot say any more than those two proud, happy faces.

TNA President Joe Olson (left) and ANA Governor David Lisot (right) joined the happy couple after the formal presentation, to express their congratulations.

Lyman's friends turned out in droves. The yougsters flocked around him to check out all the flashy papers and the beautiful medal. Again, Lyman's face says it all.

The Farmers and Merchants Bank, Pilot Point, Texas

by Frank Clark

Pilot Point is in the northeastern corner of Denton County on a high ridge. Pilot Point got its name from a large grove of post oak timber extending out into the prarie on this high ridge. Since there were no roads in the early days, people traveled using visible objects as guides. This grove could be seen for miles, and was used as a "pilot" by the traveler. Hence, the Pilot Point name evolved.

Pilot Point was first settled in 1846. In 1860, the town was plotted and laid out. From these beginnings, Pilot Point grew to become an important center in Denton County. This was reflected in the fact that around the turn of the century, Pilot Point had three banks. These were the Pilot Point National Bank, the Farmers and Merchants Bank and the First State Bank of Pilot Point. This article will concentrate on the private bank in town, the Farmers and Merchants Bank.

The Farmers and Merchants Bank opened for business on January 2, 1896 in its elegant quarters on the west side of the town square. The founder of the bank was Colonel D.W. Light. He was helped by his two sons, D.W. Light, Jr. and G.E. Light. This family was highly respected. The first cashier of the bank was C.L. Stone. He was a cashier from Henrietta, Oklahoma, who had been recruited for the new bank.

The following is a roster of the officers throughout the years of the bank's existance:

President	Vice President	Cashier	Assistant Cashier
D.W Light, Sr.	D.W Light, Jr.	C.L. Stone	G.E. Light
D.W. Light, Jr.	G.E. Light	G E. Light	R.L. Massey
G.E. Light	Joe B. Burks	Gordon Elmore	R.A. Chance
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The Great Depression took its toll on the nation's banks. This also affected the Farmers and Merchants Bank. The Bank's Directors began the voluntary liquidation process on November 28, 1931. On December 1, 1931, the process was complete and a small town Texas bank passed from the scene However, it did enjoy a brief moment of glory in the 1967 movie, *Bonnie and Clyde*. The exterior of the bank was used in a scene depicting a bank robbery getaway and shootout. Today the building houses an antique shop.

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G. Elmore

A 1925 Farmers and Merchants Bank check on their account with the American Exchange National Bank in Dallas, payable to the "M&P" (Merchants and Planters) National Bank in Sherman, signed by the cashier, G. Elmore. The bank building is depicted at left.

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Texas Colonial Coins - The 1818 Texas "Jolas"

by Mark Van Winkle

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Today is Texas Independence Day. Texas has long been known as the Lone Star State, but not many people know that the phrase "Lone Star" originally came from a coin - a coin that wasn't discovered until fairly recently, almost 150 years after it was issued.

This is "A-N-A's Money Talks," and today we'll hear the story of the Texas Colonial Coin, the Spanish "jola."

When Texas was a province in the Spanish Empire, there were few low-denomination coins in circulation. To change this, the military commander of the fort at San Antonio arranged with a local merchant and jeweler to make eight thousand "half reale" copper coins in 1817. The coins became known as "jolas." But they couldn't be redeemed, and all the coins were apparently withdrawn from circulation. There are no known examples today.

A second contract was given the next year to the local postmaster, Jose Antonio de la Garza, who also minted 8,000 "half reale" coins. No examples of these coins were known until 1959, when a father and son found several pieces along the banks of the San Antonio River. Later, several laborers found some more coins in the same area.

In all, about sixty pieces were found. They're crude looking coins. Garza's initials are on one side, along with the fraction one-half, representing the "half reale" denomination, and the date the coins were made, 1818. On the reverse side of the coin is a single, five-pointed star. This historically important and rare coin represents the first known use of the Texas "Lone Star" symbol.

This has been "Money Talks." Today's program was written by Mark Van Winkle and underwritten by Superior Stamp and Coin Company of Beverly Hills, California. This is a production of the American Numismatic Association, America's Coin Club for over a century. For a free transcript, or to enter a drawing for free Civil War era coins, call 1-800-367-9723. Request program 368.

From the A-N-A Lamp of Knowledge, I'm Ana, the A-N-A genie, with another report on "Money Talks."

OWLS OF THE GOLDEN AGE OF ATHENS

In the fifth century B.C., the city of Athens became the most prosperous and powerful state in Greece. Under their great statesman Pericles, the Athenians built an empire through their leadership of the Delian League, an anti-Persian military alliance. The tetradrachms of Athens, popularly known as "owls" because of their reverse design, are wonderful artifacts of the city's Golden Age. These distinctive silver coins were struck from the wealth that poured into Athens from her own silver mines and from the cities under her rule. Athenian "owls" became the standard currency of the Aegean region. In about 449 B.C., Athens issued a decree directing her subject states to cease coining silver and use Athenian coins in all transactions within the city. The reputation of "owls" as a stable currency was so great that they were used for trade far and wide. Hoards of Athenian tetradrachms have been found from Sicily and Italy in the west to Afghanistan in the east.

The Athenians used the great wealth the city now possessed to rebuild the temples burned down by the Persians in 480 B.C. For this purpose, Pericles appropriated the colossal sum of 5000 talents (equal to 7,500,000 tetradrachms) from the treasury of the Delian League. The greatest of these temples was the Parthenon, begun in 447 B.C. Under the direction of the sculptor Phidias, the greatest architects and sculptors of the day labored to produce the finest of all Classical Greek buildings. The city's wealth also helped pay for the production of dramas performed as part of the festival of Dionysus, held each spring. The tragedies of Aeschylus, Sophocles, and Euripides, and the comedies of Aristophenes which were written and performed during Athens' Golden Age are still acted today. The city had also become a center of learning. This was the era of the philosopher Socrates and his star pupil Plato, who, in their search for knowledge and understanding of the human condition, left an enduring legacy. That literature, philosophy and art should flourish in the city which took its name from the goddess of wisdom, Athena, seems appropriate.

Athens' wealth and power aroused the envy of other Greek states, especially Sparta. In 431 B.C., the great contest between the two city-states and their allies, known as the Peloponnesian War, began. At the outset of the war, Athens had a reserve of 6000 talents (9,000 tetradrachms) in coined silver lodged in the opisthodomos (treasury) of the Parthenon. However, plague (which took the life of Pericles in 429 B.C.) and ill-conceived military ventures (such as the disastrous campaign of 415-413 B.C. against Syracuse) proved to be the city's undoing. In 404 B.C., she surrendered to Sparta and dismantled her fortifications. Athens would become a power again in the fourth century B.C., but she never regained the dominant position she attained before the Peloponnesian War.

Because of what they represent, Athenian "owls" are among the most sought-after of ancient coins. Weighing in at about 17.20 grams each, they are of almost pure silver. On the obverse of these coins is the head of Athena, wearing a crested helmet decorated with three olive leaves and a floral scroll. Although Athena's head is shown in profile, her eye is shown frontally - an archaic feature which may have been retained due to a reluctance to tamper with a recognized symbol of financial stability. On the reverse is Athena's companion, the owl. According to Greek legend, Athena's owl flew around the world each night to bring back to the goddess news of the day's events. Behind the owl is a sprig of olive (a reference to the city's chief agricultural export, olive oil) and a crescent moon (possibly commemorating Athens' great naval victory over the Persians at Salamis in 480 B.C., fought during the last quarter of the moon).

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News Release - Corpus Christi Coin Club

February 9, 1994

Corpus Christi Coin Club Issues Medal

The Corpus Christi Coin Club has produced a .999 limited edition silver medal to commemorate "Las Carabelas." Spain granted the "Las Carabelas" to the citizens of Corpus Christi because of our unique history with Spain and our ideal location. The reproductions of the Columbus fleet are now docked in Corpus Christi and open to the public for tours.

Each medal is numbered 1 through 500 on the edge. The obverse has a modified version of the club logo, consisting of a map of Texas showing the location of the Corpus Christi Coin Club. The original logo was designed by long-time club member and one-time TNA District VIII Governor, Ouida Davis. The reverse of the medal depicts reproductions of the famous ships Columbus sailed to the Americas, the *Nina, Pinta* and *Santa Maria*. The reverse was designed by Dave Peterson, also a member of the Corpus Christi Coin Club. A contest for the winning design was open to area artists, and Dave's entry was rewarded with medal number one, and a special place in numismatics.

The Corpus Christi Coin Club is selling these medals for $26.95 plus $3.00 shipping and handling. The club cannot guarantee any certain number, and the medals are being sold on a first come, first served basis. To order, mail a check or money order, payable to the Corpus Christi Coin Club, to P.O. Box 331552, Corpus Christi, TX 78463.

Secretary's Notes

Barbara Lowell

Welcome to members # 5840 - 5841. The following have applied for membership. If approved, they will become members May 1, 1994:

R-5842 {D-03} Kenneth Sikes, Rt 1, Box 116E, Bangs, TX 76823. Central Texas Coin Club.
R-5843 {D-03} Earl W Behrens, Rt 1, Box 38, Brady, TX 76825. U.S. Coins. Bob Bills.
R-5844 {D-03} Thomas Tyrrell, 12194 Twin Lake Lane, San Angelo, TX 76904. San Angelo Stamp and Coin. Bob Bills.
R-5845 {D-03} Chester C. Tyrrell, Jr., 4106 Sherwood Way #8, San Angelo, TX 76901. San Angelo Stamp and Coin. Bob Bills.
C-217 {D-03} Central Texas Coin Club, Rt 1, Box 247, Bangs, TX 76823. Bob Bills.
C-218 {D-05} Mesquite Coin Club, P.O. Box 870100, Mesquite, TX 75150. Secretary.

V.I.P. Award: Bob Bills

ADDRESS CHANGES

R-5367 E.J. Cordray, P.O. Box 3232, Galveston, TX 77552
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R-1178 Eleanor Kennady, 3703 Firethorn Dr, Arlington, TX 76017
LM-52 Mac Kennady, 3703 Firethorn Dr, Arlington, TX 76017
R-5339 Bob Metzger, P.O. Box 14711, Austin, TX 78761-4711
R-5563 Rocky Rockholt, 2678 Sumac Ridge, White Bear Lake, MN 55110-5646
C-156 Greater Orange Coin Club, P.O. Box 20413, Beaumont, TX 77720

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Treasurer's Report

Mike Grant

REPORT FOR 1/6/94 - 3/5/94

Beginning balance from January 5, 1994	$	29,030.43
less encumbered funds		(11,907.16)
RECEIPTS		
Dues	$	2,123.00
Donations		144.00
Medal Sales		210.00
Journal Ads		267.00
Library Donations		25.00
TNA News Donations		5.00
Interest		37.38
TOTAL	$	2,811.38
DISBURSEMENTS		
Secretary Allowance	$	350.00
Secretary Expenses		35.25
Editor Allowance		200.00
Editor Expenses		171.26
Medal Officer Expenses		4.72
Treasurer Expenses		14.49
Bank Charges (checks)		63.60
Newsletter Postage		75.00
TOTAL	$	914.32
AVAILABLE BALANCE IN CHECKING ACCOUNT	$	14,020.33
ENCUMBERED FUNDS		
ANA Junior Seminar Fund	$	1,068.25
TNA Memorial Library Fund		692.58
Life Membership C.D. Account		10,146.33
C.D.		5,000.00
TOTAL	$	16,907.16
TOTAL ASSETS AS OF MARCH 5, 1994	$	30,927.49

Calendar Of Events

* **Please note: Collin County show rescheduled from April 2* **

Apr 9 **McKinney, TX** **22 Tables**
Coin Show *sponsored by the Collin County Coin Club*
Steak Kountry Restaurant, Westgate Shopping Ctr, Exit 40 HWY 75 N
Call: Gary Rollins, (214) 727-1566

Apr 28-May 1 **Fort Worth, TX** **160 Tables**
Texas Numismatic Association 36th Convention
Tarrant County Convention Center, 111 Houston Street
Contact: Chris Keogh or Everett Hull, (817) 336-1782
P.O. Box 9107, Fort Worth, TX 76147

May 14-15 **San Antonio, TX** **35 Tables**
17th Annual San Antonio Coin, Card & Stamp Show
Sponsored by Gateway Coin Club
Oak Hills Motor Inn, 7401 Wurzbach Road
Call: Ray Tate, (210) 271-3429
P.O. Box 12964, San Antonio, TX 78212

May 14-15 **Wichita Falls, TX** **35 Tables**
Wichita Falls Coin & Stamp Show
Wichita Falls Activity Center, 607 10th Street, 2nd Floor
Contact: Connolly R. O'Brien, (817) 692-4901
1503 Beverly, Wichita Falls, TX 76309

May 28-29 **Dallas, TX** **75 Tables**
Dallas-Fort Worth Metroplex Coin and Card Show
Sponsored by Doug Davis and Paul Garner
Airport Inn, 120 West Airport Freeway (Old Highway 183)
Contact: Doug or Paul, Box 224584, Dallas, TX 75222-4584

Jun 11-12 **Austin, TX** **38 Tables**
Capital City Coin Club 22nd Annual Show
Quality Inn South, 2200 S. I-35 (at Oltorf exit, #232A)
Contact: Kim Cromack, (512) 892-5301 (recorder)
PO Box 33159, Austin, TX 78764-0159

Jul 16-17 **Dallas, TX** **75 Tables**
Dallas-Fort Worth Metroplex Coin and Card Show
Sponsored by Doug Davis and Paul Garner
Airport Inn, 120 West Airport Freeway (Old Highway 183)
Contact: Doug or Paul, Box 224584, Dallas, TX 75222-4584

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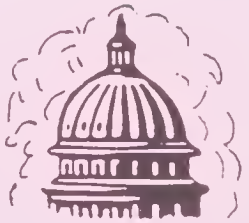

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Sponsored by Shreveport Coin Club
Bossier City Civic Center, 620 Benton Road
Call: Joe Notini, (318) 631-1315

Aug 6-7 **Amarillo, TX** **165 Tables**
Golden Spread Coin Club, Inc. Annual Collectors Show
Amarillo Civic Center, Exhibits Hall, 3rd & Buchanan (downtown)
Contact: Nela Runkle, (806) 355-1702
4304 Jennie Av, Amarillo, TX 79106-6033

Aug 27-28 **Fort Worth, TX** **65 Tables**
23rd Annual Summer Coin & Stamp Show
Sponsored by Joe and Linda Wade
Green Oaks Inn, 6901 West Freeway - IH30
Contact: Joe or Linda, (817) 485-1777
6420 Diamond Loch, Fort Worth, TX 76180

Sep 17-18 **Dallas, TX** **75 Tables**
Dallas-Fort Worth Metroplex Coin and Card Show
Sponsored by Doug Davis and Paul Garner
Airport Inn, 120 West Airport Freeway (Old Highway 183)
Contact: Doug or Paul, Box 224584, Dallas, TX 75222-4584

Oct 29-30 **Fort Worth, TX** **54 Tables**
Fort Worth Coin Club 33rd Annual Coin Show
Green Oaks Inn, I-30 & Green Oaks Road
Write: FWCC, 2218 W. Rosedale Street South, Fort Worth, TX 76110
Call: Bob Slocum, (817) 923-5510 or Elleta Havens, (817) 626-6783

Nov 19-20 **Dallas, TX** **75 Tables**
Dallas-Fort Worth Metroplex Coin and Card Show
Sponsored by Doug Davis and Paul Garner
Airport Inn, 120 West Airport Freeway (Old Highway 183)
Contact: Doug or Paul, Box 224584, Dallas, TX 75222-4584

Feb 11, 1995 **Pharr, TX** **50 Tables**
Hidalgo Coin Club Coin & Collectible Show
Pharr Civic Center, 1011 W. Kelly
Contact: Mike DiGennaro, (210) 425-3845
2001 N. Parkwood, Harlingen, TX 78550

District Meetings

DISTRICT I

Nineteen members and an infant guest attended the February 13 meeting of the **Stephenville Coin Club**. Club treasurer Morse Ross and club secretary Jo Stern each gave an officer's report. President Bob Swenson led a short discussion about taxes on silver, and Buddy Randals gave a talk on gold and silver futures. Club members also discussed the possibility of issuing a silver, bronze or nickel token to advertise and promote the club, and Ben Miller was put in charge of researching the idea and reporting back to the membership. A 33-lot auction was conducted by Charles Wartes, with assistance from Charles Collier.
--Jo Stern, club Secretary

DISTRICT III

The **Central Texas Coin Club** of Brownwood met on January 3 at Heartland Mall. Twenty-three members and a pair of visitors were present. Following the secretary's and treasurer's reports, a motion waiving dues for all members under age 18 was made and approved. The program was a video about counterfeit coins, shown by Bob Bills. After the program, Bob conducted an auction, with 18 of 20 lots selling.

Twenty people were present for the February 7 meeting. It was reported that Shorty Warren had suffered a heart attack. After a short business meeting, Bob Bills once again filled in for club president Adams as the evening's auctioneer.

The *TNA News* editor believes that this is the same club that was identified as the **Brownwood Coin Club** in the February issue. In any event, meetings are held on the first Monday of each month at the Heartland Mall. Everybody is always welcome.
--E.L. "Bob" Bills, District III Governor

The **Heart of Texas Coin Club** held its regular monthly meeting in Brady on January 17. There was a heated discussion about the direction of precious metals prices, inflation, and the possible effects of NAFTA. There was a strong belief that gold, silver and platinum prices will continue slowly upward for the next five years. The consensus of opinion on the NAFTA issue was that it will hurt the U.S. financially in the short term and there was additional concern about how U.S. constitutional law might be affected by the agreement.

Eleven members and a guest were present on February 21, and were

treated to a program by Bob Bills on whizzed and polished coins. Examples of such coins were passed around for all to examine. The discussion then moved on to counterfeit and altered coins. President Tommy Blackwell displayed an A.U. 1932 quarter with an added "D" mint mark. Tommy also explained that the dealer from whom he bought the quarter refused to take the coin back. Doris Bills showed a lead counterfeit of an 1884 Morgan dollar. After some additional discussion of such dishonest practices, the meeting closed with an auction of 20 lots, called by Bob Bills.

The club reminds everyone that visitors are always welcome to its meetings, held the third Thursday of each month. The club thanks radio station KNEL for consistently informing its listeners of the meetings.
--E.L. "Bob" Bills, District III Governor

Abilene's **Key City Coin Club** met on January 6 at the Senior Citizens' Building. After the reading of the December minutes and the financial report, Francis Thornton held a coin quiz. All members attempting to match obverse and reverse coin pictures, but only six were able to do so. It was decided that everyone needs to examine coin designs more thoroughly. An auction concluded the meeting.

The club invites everyone to its meetings, held the first Monday of every month at the Senior Citizens' Building.
--E.L. "Bob" Bills, District III Governor

District III Governor Bob Bills reports that he will be trying to reorganize the **Nolan County Coin Club** in Sweetwater. Anyone interested in this effort is invited to contact him at (915) 239-5422.
--E.L. "Bob" Bills, District III Governor

The **San Angelo Coin Club** was reorganized on January 13. Bob Bills chaired the meeting, which was attended by 16 people, all of whom joined and paid 1994 dues of $2.00 apiece. Auction fees were established and a door prize budget was adopted. Officers were elected, as follows: President, Tom Tyrell, V.P., Rex McGowne; Secretary, David Browning; and Treasurer, Luis Reves.

Twenty-two people were present when the club met on February 10. Each officer gave a report, with Treasurer Reves giving an extensive breakdown of assets that were carried over from the time before the club suspended operations. These assets were primarily cash, silver coins and briefcases. President Tyrell asked Bob Bills to serve as auctioneer for a sale of over 30 items, and there was very active bidding. A happy time and good food were reported by all.

Meetings are scheduled for the second Thursday of each month, at 7:00 p.m. at the El Patio restaurant meeting room. Dutch Treat dinner for those interested will be at 6:00 p.m. Everyone is invited.
--E.L. "Bob" Bills, District III Governor

DISTRICT IV

The January 11 meeting of the **Austin Texas Coin Club** was called to order by club president Francis Smith. Eleven members and one guest were present. It was decided to record the club officers and meeting time and location with the Austin Public Library. Harry Barnette reported on the 1993 show and presented a brief update on the 1994 show. Jack Scantlen agreed to check out some alternate sites for the 1994 show, as the rental fee for the Quality Inn has more than doubled. The educational portion of the meeting began in earnest when Owen Smith presented a program on Sear's book on Greek coinage and displayed a Bactrian silver drachm from 190-185 B.C. Next, Francis showed a Stone Mountain Commemorative half dollar, as well as pictures and postcards of the actual mountain. And finally, Emrys Smith presented a Roman coin of Constantine, issued 307-354 A.D.

Eight members were present for the club's February 8 meeting at the Austin History Center. An update on the club's 1994 show was presented by Harry. He reported that the search for an alternate facility had failed to identify an adequate room within the club's budget. The Quality Inn will be retained as the show site, with a reduced rental rate promised if the club is able to sell 15 sleeping rooms. A motion to raise table fees from $135 to $150 was made by Kim Cromack, seconded by Jack Scantlen, and passed by the membership present. After the business portion of the meeting, Francis displayed a reference book on the world's "most popular" coins, and Bryan Jones showed one on bank notes. Kim discussed the database he uses for his coin collection. The books and database were enjoyed by all.
--Harry Barnette, club Secretary

Sixteen members and guests came to the January 20 meeting of the **Capital City Coin Club**. New club president, Bryan Jones, presided. Harry Barnette reported on the problems encountered in locating an affordable location for the club's annual coin show. Members then voted to return to the Quality Inn South for this year's show, which will be held June 11-12, and to raise bourse fees from $135 to $150 per table. The club also voted in favor of a motion to seek permission to put up a display table to promote numismatics at Highland Mall in late May. Member James Brown gave the evening's program, a chronicle of his visit to the ANA headquarters and museum in Colorado Springs. James brought several brochures and leaflets from ANA and discussed the various displays he had seen. He highly recommended a visit. Another highlight of the evening was Francis Smith's exhibit on the Stone Mountain Memorial near Atlanta, Georgia. Exhibit items included a 1925 Stone Mountain commemorative half dollar that Francis inherited from his father, and period post cards showing the mountain before, during and after completion of the carving of the memorial.

The February 17 meeting had twenty members and two guests in

attendance. Harry led a discussion on preparations for the club's June show. He reported that contracts had been signed with the hotel and a security firm, and that invitations had gone out to about 40 dealers. New president Bryan offered the program for the evening, an ANA video on collecting paper money. The video was a basic introduction to types, values and history of currency, and was well received by the club. Bryan also displayed several reference works and periodicals focusing on paper currency. After a spirited auction, the meeting adjourned.
--Kim Cromack, club Secretary

The February 3 meeting of the **Williamson County Coin Club** was attended by nine members. During the business part of the meeting, ways to attract new members were discussed. A lot of good ideas were suggested, with the final decision being that word-of-mouth publicity would be the most effective. Gerry Kammer gave the evening's program, on pre-1967 British currency. It's quite a baffling subject, but Gerry helped clear it up. Afterwards, talk drifted to different subjects, and a Wheel and Deal time concluded the evening's activities.
--Erin Davis, club Secretary

DISTRICT V

The January 20 meeting of the **Collin County Coin Club** was called to order by Gary Rollins, with twenty members and six guests in attendance. The club welcomed new member Andy Nethery, and announced that club membership was at an all time high of thirty. It was announced that the club's spring show had been rescheduled for Saturday, April 9, and everyone was invited to bring a friend. Each member was encouraged to give a short program of numismatic interest at a 1994 club meeting. The meeting concluded after thirty-six lots were sold during the evening's auction.

Twenty-two members and seven guests were present at the club's February 17 meeting. Club members were reminded that the club's Spring Coin Show had been rescheduled from April 2 to April 9. Gary Rollins gave a program on proof-like Morgan dollars. Gary expressed his opinion that this is one of the most fascinating aspects of the series, and told how the idea for the program came out of a conversation he had had with a fellow club member regarding the collectibilty of Morgan dollars. Subsequent discussions stemming from the program were very exciting and informative. The evening's closing activity was an auction, conducted by Mr. Bill Hixson, of 37 lots submitted by members.
--Gary Rollins, club President

The 787th meeting of the **Dallas Coin Club** was held on December 16. As it was the club's Christmas Dinner meeting, it was held at Wyatt's Cafeteria. Twenty-two members attended, as did eight guests. Merlene and Linda Bond accompanied Maurice, Ruth Gannt came with Clint, John

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Surginer brought Ellen, Lil Burns and Johnny Howard came, past president Tom Ragsdale showed up, and David Kyser brought Angie Dickson. After the meal, which was enjoyed by everyone (especially Ron Blaha), the 1994 officers were sworn in by Victor Toogood. The annual White Elephant Auction included a large, sponge-like, lime green piece of U.S. currency, a great mix of coins, baked goods, bookends with coins on them, a nice change holder, and other unusual items. Thirty-five items sold, with the prices realized covering almost 80% of the cost of the dinner. Members were reminded that annual dues are still only $5, and that Hal Cherry serves as the club's ANA representative.

The club met at its usual location, the Dallas International Center at 6033 Berkshire #8 (Preston Center), on January 20. President Frank Clark called the meeting to order with twenty-one members present. Vice President Joe Barthold announced that programs were already set for many 1994 meetings, and asked for volunteers to cover the rest. Joe also brought an article on the closing of the old San Francisco Mint. Members were reminded of the upcoming TNA show (April 28 - May 1), and were encouraged to exhibit at the show. They were also informed that club secretary/treasurer Mike Grant has the club video tapes on Paper Money and Counterfeit Detection available for checkout. The evening's program was a slide presentation by Frank Clark on the history of the Dallas Coin Club, from its founding on May 24, 1928 by William A. Philpott and C.A. McGlameryand to the present. Frank told the audience that the DCC is the oldest coin club in the south and the third oldest west of the Mississippi; it has been an ANA member club since 1928, and a TNA member club since 1960. Frank shared much more of the club's rich history, and many members undoubtedly gained a new appreciation of the historical importance of their club. After the program, twenty-six auction items netted the club treasury $9.10.
--club newsletter (Michael P. Grant, editor)

The **North Star of Texas Coin Club** met on January 17 to elect officers and carry on business. There were twenty-two people present. Six new members, including nine year old Noelle Spiering, were welcomed into the club. Officers for 1994 were elected, as follows: President, Bob Pomroy; V.P., Greg Spiering; Sgt. at Arms, Steve Matney; Sec/Treas, Geneva Rowell; Club Cashier, Bob Holladay; and Auctioneer Extraordinaire, James White. James has served in this position for ten years. The club's oldest member, J.L. McVey, was honored with a plaque for all his years of support. Mr. Mac, as he is known, is ninety-five years young. There was a discussion of a joint knife club and coin club show, to be held in April. The club voted to place copies of the Red Book in local middle school libraries. Members also discussed how the club could promote National Coin Week in the local area in April. While refreshments were served, members paid their dues and took time to examine the evening's auction lots.

The club meets on the third Thursday of each month, at 7:00 p.m., in the TU Electric Building, 635 Clarksville St., in Paris, Texas. Current club membership stands at forty.
--Geneva Rowell, club Secretary/Treasurer

DISTRICT VI

The Clements Coin Club's newsletters of January 13, 20 and 27 contained their usual mix of news, announcements, member letters and interesting numismatic items. A listing of the three Houston-area coin clubs, namely the Greater Houston, Bellaire and Pasadena Coin Clubs, included meeting place addresses, times and even a map detailing the major highways and the meeting locations. Members were encouraged to attend and help out at the Greater Houston Coin Club's February show, were reminded that, in order to attend the ANA Early Spring Convention in New Orleans or the TNA Convention in Fort Worth, they would be required to place an exhibit at the respective convention. ANA exhibit rules were reprinted as an aid to exhibitors. A chart telling how to earn ANA YN auction credits was also published. A Q. David Bowers "Coin Quiz" and "A Brief History of the Greater Houston Coin Club" by Bob Jones kept members on their toes and well-informed. A letter from Judy Matherne shared a lot of good information on large cents and included photocopies of pages from Bill Noyes' *United States Large Cents, 1793-1814*, depicting the first three Sheldon varieties of 1793 Chain Cents. Additional letters from Hanh Ha, Christine, Willis Tsui, Hansie Wong, Linda A. Johnson, Min Li Hu, Richard Bantigue, Tim Jin, and Naureen Sultanali covered a variety of topics, including a welcome to new member Isidro Castillo and congratulations to Mr. Ross on his new baby girl. *Congratulations, Ralph!*

More information from the ANA's March show in New Orleans, including a schedule of events and an article from *Coin World* describing various educational talks, forums and club meetings, graced the pages of the February 3, 10 and 24 issues of *The C-Cubed*. For members planning to attend the April TNA convention, a TNA Exhibit Judging Sheet was reprinted in its entirety. Special thanks were extended to members who worked at the GHCC show: Tom Berenguel, Willis Tsui, Min Li Hu, Hanh Ha, Peter Keller, Philip Keller, Toby Yu, Henry Yu, Sayan Ghose, Christine Loh, Linda Johnson, Janelle Johnson, Mariume Johnson and Jason Ross. Congratulations went out to GHCC show exhibit award winners Linda Johnson (*My African Coins*, 1st place) and Peter Keller (*My Buffalo Nickels*, 3rd place). An interesting article described another Clements H.S club, Junior Achievements' JA Company Program. Other *C-Cubed* input came from Linda, Min Li, Christine, Michael Barton, ANA Education Director James Taylor, ANA Exhibits Chairman Robert A. Carpenter, Hanh, Sayan, Stacie M., and Maria Oroseo.
--club newsletter, *The C-Cubed* (Tim Jin, editor and Amy Ng, publisher)

DISTRICT VII

There were twelve members and one visitor present for the January 13 **Alamo Coin Club** meeting. President Wayne Gordon reported that the inscribed Japanese flag, which he showed at the club's Christmas party, is now on display at Rufer's Coin Company, along with English translations of the inscriptions. It was also announced that former *Alamo News* editor Walter Clavette's *Roman Inscriptions* computer program is now on the market for $29.95. Collectors and dealers of Roman coins should find it very useful for speeding up the identification process. A new coin shop was reported to have opened in the shopping center opposite Bun & Barrel on Austin Highway. Lou Rangel told attendees of his collecting history and a great recent purchase. Upon a motion by Porter Montgomery, the club voted to spend $14 to have an ad in the program for the ANA Spring Convention, slated for March 4-6 in New Orleans. Wayne warned everyone of the potential for misdating Japanese coins, due to the reading the dates backwards. The meeting adjourned after an auction, in which 13 of 25 lots sold.

Thirteen members and two guests met on January 27. Py Coryell gave the treasurer's report. Wayne announced that he would be teaching Continuing Education courses on numismatics, two more on the Japanese language, one on geology and yet another on fossils through local school districts. He recommended that everyone make some effort to make his or her knowledge and expertise available to others. During the round table session, Wayne displayed a set of elongated cents depicting dinosaurs. The set was produced by club member Rocky Rockholt. An auction capped the evening, with 11 of 17 items finding new homes.

The February 10 meeting was attended by nine current members, four new members, and two visitors. New members Mr, & Mrs. Walter R., Ricky R., and Willard R. (3 different "R" surnames) were welcomed into the club. A new newsletter masthead and a new card design were shown by V.P. and newsletter editor Harold Eiserloh. Wayne Gordon reported on an advertising flyer offering circulated "U.S. Government" coins for what he estimated to be probably triple their numismatic value. A committee was appointed, consisting of Harold, Ron G and Lou R., to investigate the options for the club's involvement in a second annual coin show in San Antonio. Three alternatives seem to be: to produce the show alone; to have a joint show with the Gateway Coin Club; or to help with a dealer-sponsored show with a hired chairman. A thirteen month planning period was anticipated. Rick Medina, of Dellwood Coins, provided an excellent outline and calendar for planning a show. Wayne's Beginning Numismatics class at NISD was announced for April 4. Round table highlights included Harold's Franklin Mint sterling silver medals, depicting a dozen historic sites and Jack Lord's twentieth century, uncirculated U.S. type set, lacking only a standing liberty quarter. Active bidding prevailed in the auction, in which 25 of 35 lots sold, some for more than catalog value.

On February 24, there were thirteen members and four visitors in attendance, with Harold presiding in Wayne's absence. At the round table, new member Walter R. showed his U.S. type set in a Dansco binder, and Lou R. showed a 1994 (3rd edition) *North American Coins and Prices*, a guide to U.S., Canadian and Mexican coins. The evening's auction sold 9 of 20 lots.

The March newsletter included Rick Medina's very comprehensive and practical guidelines on planning a coin show. Harold also wrote a very informative article, centered around Texas Independence Day, March 2. He examined the Texas Centennial commemorative half dollar, focusing the various legends and design devices in great detail. Kudos to Harold for a very thorough, well-researched and educational piece of writing. **--club newsletter, *The Alamo News* (Harold Eiserloh, editor)**

The first 1994 meeting of the **Gateway Coin Club** was held on January 6, with eighteen members and one visitor present. The visitor, Will Waite, was the guest of Vinny and Julie Venturelli. Karla Galindo asked members to help promote the club's May 14-15 show by carrying bourse applications to coin dealers, and suggested additional ways for promoting the show to others. Wayne Gordon announced that he would be teaching adult Continuing Education courses on numismatics. A round table session was held. Jim Dracopoulos proudly displayed his numismatic novelty T-shirt and Wayne Gordon showed some coin and book purchases from a recent trip to Maryland. Frank Galindo showed a first in the series of Texaco Airplane banks, a 1929 Texaco No. 5 Air Express plane. Frank said that Capt. Frank M. Hawks flew a Texaco No. 5 Air Lockheed Monoplane across the continent and back in less than 37 hours flying time, which was a world record. The meeting concluded with an auction, called by the loquacious Doc Grover.

Twenty-two members and one visitor were in attendance at the club's January 20 meeting. The evening's visitor was Honi Pettit, who was Miriam Gilmore's guest. Marianne Hunter, not one to put things off to the last minute, confirmed the date for the club's 1994 Christmas party as Thursday, December 15. Doc Grover said that he would be ordering numismatic books at reduced prices, and invited interested members to look over the list of available titles and submit their want lists to him. President Frank Galindo appointed Miriam Gilmore as the club's National Coin Week chairperson. Miriam then asked for volunteers to help with NCW activities. Members participating in the evening's round table session were Bob Rogers, who showed some interesting inflation money from Bosnia-Herzegovina; Vinny Venturelli, who brought several coins from the kingdom of Lesotho; Cliff Valley, with Christmas medals from Gibraltar and the Isle of Man; and Don Bailey, with some tokens from the Branch Davidians in Waco. The Shoney's manager, John Millet, made a special announcement that the first raffle winner of the evening would also receive 50% off his or her meal ticket that evening. Karla Galindo

was the lucky recipient of this bonus. The numismatic educational program was on the coinage of Czechoslovakia, presented by Cliff He enhanced an informative program by passing around examples of some Czech coins. The meeting closed with a mini-auction.

The February 3 meeting opened with twenty-one members and five visitors, Matthew Valley, Jim and Vicky English, Carol Wood and Eddie Morales, present. Carol, Jim and Vicky became the club's newest members that evening. Frank announced that the club had several display cases available for any members wishing to assemble numismatic displays for National Coin Week. Wayne said that one of his two classes on numismatics may have to be cancelled, since only seven people had enrolled He also reported that some local dealers had donated some numismatic items for his use in the classroom. Karla said that Miriam was planning to call the mayor's office to encourage the city to recognize National Coin Week. Karla also read a brief letter from Mike Greenspan, who will soon relocate to Vermont as IRS Regional Director. The round table discussion was most enjoyable. Jim Dracopoulos brought some colonial currency, dated 1775. Wayne's token with Chinese characters was interesting. Vinny showed a Japanese coin, and Cliff brought some coins form Azerbaijan. Tom Cates showed some beautiful one hundred dollar gold coins from Canada. The meeting closed with the regular auction.

Program night, February 17, was enjoyed by nineteen members. They were asked to post flyers for the club's May show in various businesses in and around San Antonio. There were several round table participants. Bob Rogers showed an exquisite Portuguese 1992 Olympic coin. Cliff brought a Spanish Olympic coin, and Vinny showed a 1994 U.S. Olympic coin set. Frank Galindo gave members a preview of the new TNA medal design. He displayed a photocopy of the medal, which features Stephen F. Austin, the father of Texas. Frank reported that 106 silver and 500 bronze medals will be struck. Bob presented the eductional program. His topic was Military Payment Certificates, a very distinctive and specialized subject Bob said that MPC was first used in 1946, and continued through the Vietnam war. His program was highlighted by a display of MPC notes, and a question and answer session about them. The meeting concluded with a mini-auction, called by Doc Grover.

In addition to the above meeting reports, the March-April issue of *The Gatepost* contained a very informative article by Miriam Gilmore, entiltled, "Cinco de Mayo, National Holiday for Mexico." Miriam not only related the historical background of the Battle of May 5, 1862 but also gave an overview of some numismatic items commemorating the event.
--club newsletter, *The Gatepost* (Frank Galindo, editor)

DISTRICT VIII

Members of the **Corpus Christi Coin Club** were reminded that 1994 dues are still $10 for an individual, $12 for a family, and that life

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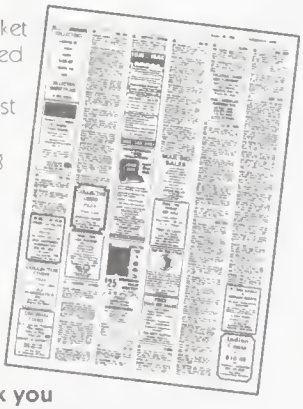

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memberships are available for $150 for members in good standing. Everyone was also reminded that their help would be needed at the March 12-13 club show. One of the most important news items was the announcement that the club's Las Carabelas medals were ready. The medals, containing one ounce of silver, depict Columbus' ships, the Nina, Pinta and Santa Maria. The ship side was designed by Dave Peterson, while the reverse was based on the club logo, originally designed by Ouida Davis. Total mintage was limited to 500 pieces, each one numbered on the edge. Low numbers were reserved for club members, through the March show, after which they were to be made available to the public. Information on obtaining a medal is available by writing the club at P.O. Box 3191, Corpus Christi, TX 78404.
--club newsletter

DISTRICT IX

The January 25 meeting of the **Lamb County Coin Club** was called to order by club president David Keithley, with eight members present. E.L. Pitzer reminded all TNA members to pay their 1994 dues. He also discussed upcoming area shows and the April TNA Convention. He also reported that he had submitted nominations for the TNA Hall of Fame and the Reagan award. President Keithley announced that Larry Sanderson would be the speaker at the club's February meeting and that E.L. Pitzer would be the speaker in March. Refreshments were served and a buy, sell and trade session followed.
--Lamonte Pitzer, District IX Governor

Thirty-one members were present for the February 7 meeting of the **South Plains Coin Club**. Herman Jacobs gave a report on the club's March 19-20 coin show, stating that bourse table reservations were going well. Laura Cook gave a presentation on startup costs of a monthly club newsletter. The matter was scheduled to be studied and presented to the membership in April. TNA District Governor E.L. Pitzer gave a TNA report and collected dues from 3 TNA members. Mike Kennedy gave an interesting two-part program. The first part was about Cowrie shells, used as money in Polynesia, Hawaii, Guam and other places. Mike displayed a collection of seashells collected while scuba diving off Guam. The second part was the fascinating story of the "Money Pit" on Oak Island, off the coast of Nova Scotia. Mike said that many attempts were made to retrieve a suspected treasure at the bottom of the pit, but due to a combination of high monetary cost, flooding of the shaft, and the loss of several lives, the goal was never reached. After Mike's program, refreshments were served and an auction was conducted by Jacobs and Ling.
--Lamonte Pitzer, District IX Governor

DISTRICT XI

The January 31 newsletter of the **Golden Spread Coin Club** shone its spotlight on club life member Dr. William W. Stout. Dr. Stout's collecting history and interests, as well as his activities as a dealer, were chronicled and his staunch support of local, state and national numismatic organizations was praised. Special note was made of his set of proof buffalo nickels. Other newsletter items included a short coin trivia quiz, and a ballot to select an adult club member (David Bitting, Jerry Davidson, James Harding, Charles Simmons or R.L. (Tommy) Tompkins) to send to the ANA Summer Seminar. The club will also send junior member Christopher Jeppson, if he is able to go. There was a reminder to bring coins for distribution during National Coin Week, and an announcement that a specially marked 1909-S cent will be put into circulation, with publicity. A committee of Jerry, Tommy, and Homer Dotts are working out the details for the distribution and the publicity. Anyone who finds the marked cent and brings it to a club meeting will be awarded a "Freedom Pack." It was announced that the club would place Red Books in local libraries during the first week of February. Last, but not least, there were kudos for Homer Dotts' January program, "Fun With Federal Reserve Notes," which provided explanations for all the symbols on the back of the dollar bill, and many other interesting facts. R.L Tompkins also had a star note to show.

Twenty-five people attended the February 7 club meeting, where they heard Charles Simmons' program on Colonials and participated in Show and Tell. Mike Ecklund had a 1794 trade token half pence, that fit in with Charles' program. Jerry Davidson showed a 1130-1140 silver -plated lead medallion depicting King Stephen, and told of a book by Ellis Peters relevent to that era. Rachael Laub, with her dad's help, showed her newly acquired 1894-0 and 1895-O silver dollars. R.L. Tompkins showed some uncirculated buffalo nickels, and Ron Hoskins showed double-date 1939 nickels. Nela Runkle showed a photo, taken at an early 1970's club meeting, showing wampum; she also had an assortment of wooden flats issued for various events. The March 1 newsletter announced that R.L. "Tommy" Tompkins had been elected to attend the ANA Summer Seminar and that assignments for the club's August 6-7 show were set, as follows: Charles Simmons and David Bitting, advertising and publicity; Linda and Francis Runkle, hospitality; Tommy Tompkins, main chairman; Nela Runkle, bourse chairman; Paulla White, assistant bourse chairman and overseer of drawings; Mike Ecklund, cases and carts, assisted by Kerry Dittrich on Sunday; and C.C. and Lois Stewart, registration. A coin quiz challenged readers, and two members were profiled. Chuck Steele, a member since 1983, has served the club as an officer, Groom ISD as superintendent, Cal Farley's Boys Ranch, also as superintendent, and now teaches in Tucumcari, New Mexico. Fourteen year-old Amarillo High School freshman Christopher Jeppson, who recently earned the rank of Eagle Scout, plays trumpet in

the band, and pursues hobby interests in meteorology and ham radio as well as coin collecting.

The club meets at 7:00 p.m. on the first Monday of each month in the Presidents Room of the First National Bank, 8th and Taylor, in Amarillo.
--club newsletter (Nela Runkle, editor)

DISTRICT XIII

Fifteen loyal members of the **Greenbelt Coin Club** met in regular session on January 3. News from the TNA was read to the club, with special note that the monthly magazine is getting better all the time. Many agree that the ANA magazine, in its attempt to recall the collector, is also getting better. Many recent coin shows were discussed. Ray Whyborn, former president of TNA, expressed his disappointment at being unable to attend any of the recent shows. Several items were put up for auction, and most sold. A good time was had by all.

Thirteen members and a guest braved the cold on February 7, some coming as far away as Quanah and Seymour. The importance of club secretary Carl Flores was made apparent by his absence due to a death in the family. Carl is one of the quiet, hardworking individuals that every club depends on but seldom recognizes. Bill Howard conducted the auction, and was able to sell virtually every lot. Bill is a former Governor of District XIII, a dedicated numismatist and accomplished auctioneer.

The club meets on the first Monday of every month at the Vernon Housing Authority, 1111 Ross St, in Vernon at 7:30 p.m. Visitors are always welcomed. Call (817) 552-5392 for further information.
--Carl Flores, club Secretary & Raymond E. Whyborn, District XIII Governor

The **Wichita Falls-Red River Stamp & Coin Club** met on January 27, with ten members and two visitors in attendance. New officers for 1994 were elected, as follows: President, E.B. "Robby" Robinson; V.P., John Van Dunk; Secretary, Raymond E. Whyborn; and Treasurer, Connolly R. O'Brien, Jr. The death of long time member and former club secretary Pauline Copelin on January 26 was announced. It was also reported that the Texoma Stamp Club had voted to share costs of the combined club Christmas dinner party. Connolly announced his plan to sponsor a small commercial coin and stamp show on or about May 7-8, in response to numerous requests from collectors and dealers to have additional shows in Wichita Falls. The club voted unanimously to make available all the logistical support items it uses for its annual show, and all members agreed to help Connolly as volunteers. Club officers announced that negotiations had been completed for a new meeting place. Effective with the February 24 meeting, the club would meet at 7:30 p.m. in the Asbury Center of the Beverly Drive United Methodist

Church at 813 N Beverly Drive in Wichita Falls. Robby conducted a 37 lot, spirited auction of U.S. and world coins, tokens and paper money.
--Raymond E. Whyborn, District XIII Governor

DISTRICT XIV

Twenty-five members were in attendance at the December meeting of the **Hidalgo Coin Club**, of the Rio Grande Valley. The following officers were elected for 1994: President, Rod Bates; V.P., Harold Barrett; Secretary, Helen Snider; and Treasurer, Annette Fortson. A Show and Tell session was held, with presentations from four members.

Twenty-eight members were present for the January meeting. This meeting was a celebration of the 33rd anniversary of the club. There were games played, with lots of prizes. Cake was served. Mike DiGennaro gave a show report for the club's February show, and distributed show flyers. Helen reported on show publicity. The date for the club's 1995 show was set for February 11.
--Helen Snider, District XIV Governor

DISTRICT XV

The December 16 meeting of the **Beaumont Coin Club** was called to order by Judy Matherne. Officers for 1994 were elected, as follows: President, Ed White; V.P., Jerry Williams; Secretary, Judy Matherne; and Treasurer, David Newton. Game winners were Ed White, Bobbie LeBlanc and Andy Moore. Art Larkin presented the President's Award and the C.L Babcock Award for Lifetime Achievement to, respectively, Judy Matherne and Sidney King. Also mentioned for the President's Award were Jerry Williams, Jack Provost and Bill Stein.

The January 20 meeting was called to order by Ed White. Sixteen persons were present, two of whom were guests. Frequent guest, Kay Crain, became the club's newest member. The other guest was Rick Lanclos, of the Port Arthur Coin Club, who gave an extremely interesting program on the 1892 Columbian Exposition in Chicago. Vice President Jerry Williams encouraged members to volunteer for programs in 1994. The club decided to keep Syd King's donation of 1972-1992 issues of *The Numismatist* in its own library, and welcomed donations of additional numismatic books and periodicals. Members were reminded that all four area clubs will be participating in a coin drop for National Coin Week, April 17-23. Tom Arrington and Judy will work to promote coverage of the drop by TV Channel 12 and other area media. Jerry volunteered to serve as club TNA representative, and Judy agreed to be the club's ANA representative. Club committee members for 1994 include Rosemary Moore, Judy and Ed (show), Jerry and Tom (awards), Barbara Edwards and Judy (Christmas), Bill, Art, Jack and Jerry (auction), and Barbara and Ed (nominations). After a livley auction, the meeting came to an end.
--Rosemary Moore, club Secretary

The December meeting of the **Greater Orange Coin Club** was a great evening of food and numismatic fellowship, with nearly 100% member attendance, plus some guests. Officers for 1994 were elected as follows: President, Barbara Edwards; V.P., Archie Jones; Secretary, John Barnes; and Treasurer, Dewey Scott.

Members at the January 13 meeting welcomed two visitors from Maryland and their daughter from Beaumont. The meeting itself was described as one of the most productive ever held. Barbara's appointments included: Jerry Williams, TNA representative; John Barnes, ANA representative; Barbara Edwards, media representative; and Barbara and John, show representatives. It was agreed to target TV Channel 6 for the club's National Coin Week promotion. Members were reminded to renew their memberships, as only six were paid through 1994. Roland gave a very meaningful program on modern U.S. commemoratives, saying that he takes particular pride in the World War II set, and passing around one belonging to his grandson. Roland explained that he had served in WWII, and had helped construct the airstrip that the B-29s landed on after dropping the nuclear bombs on Japan.

Guest speaker Judy Matherne, from Beaumont, gave the program at the February 10 meeting. Judy talked about large cents: braided hair, booby head, classic head, three-error, early date, late date, bust...you get the picture. She loves her copper, is very knowledgable, and had some exquisite pieces for everyone's examination. In the newsletter, members were warned by J.P. Barnes that he will be giving the March program, and that there will be a very thorough report on the ANA Early Spring Convention in New Orleans, presented by attendees Jerry, Barbara, J.P. and possibly Dewey and Lester.

The club meets on the second Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the Thomen Community Center in Orange. Attendees are advised to check the room listing board for the exact location.

--J.P. Barnes, club Secretary

The January 6 meeting of the **Port Arthur Coin Club** began with an introduction of the 1994 officers to the sixteen members and one guest in attendance. Gene Baskin volunteered to coordinate TV coverage of the coin drop planned for National Coin Week, April 17-23. Members approved a "Convention Benefactor" level donation of $25 to the ANA in support of the Early Spring Convention. Rick Lanclos, Jerry Williams and Ken Senholm were appointed to the TG Brown award committee and the auction committee. Ken will be the auctioneer again this year. Ray aand Jerry will take care of the phone committee. Jerry announced that Bill McNeill had informed him that the club's meeting room has been reserved through 1994. Jerry also announced the TNA's literature auction, to be held during the TNA convention, on April 30. Barbara Edwards volunteered to be the club's TNA representative and Ken agreed

to be the club's ANA representative. Jerry will do the "Did Ya Knows" this year. Jerry proposed that the club consider a new award in honor of club founder Lloyd Buss. Lloyd, Jerry and Ray were appointed to a committee to investigate what form the award should take. Guest speaker Tom Arrington, from the Beaumont Coin Club, gave a program on the history of the eight U.S mints. Tom noted that the quarter eagle was the only denomination issued by each of the eight mints.

Fourteen members and guests attended the February 3 meeting. Guests included Don and Joan Shubert, who stopped by on their way from Maryland to Arizona. Members voted to begin donating old copies of The Numismatist to local hospitals after they have been made available to members. It was noted that five of the attendees were also ANA members. It was announced that the club had been entered in the TNA's Club Salute award competition, which it had won in the middle seventies. Jerry announced that he had programs lined up through May, but that if he didn't get volunteers for subsequent months, he'd have to present. Ken immediately pleaded for volunteers. Show committee members reported that the number of tables will be reduced from 33 to 30 for future shows, to reduce crowding the dealers. More club cards, indicating meeting time and location, will be acquired for distribution at the next show, and it is anticipated that advertising costs will be increased as well. The GPACC will be responsible for refreshments at the show, and foreign coins donated by club members will be handed out to kids in attendance. Ray Gannaway will handle advertising in the Port Arthur newspaper, and Barbara will circulate the registration table volunteer sheet around all four participant clubs. Jerry Williams gave the evening's program, on the history of the TNA. Jerry told how the TNA was spearheaded by the Corpus Christi Coin Club through 1958 and 1959, with the first TNA meeting being held in Port Lavaca on January 10, 1960. Forty-seven TNA members attended this first of many meetings, and Joe B. Davis became the first TNA president. Jerry traced the TNA's colorful history through the years to the present.
--club newsletter, *Dollars and Cents* (Ken Seholm, editor)

The **Silsbee Coin Club** held its combined Christmas party and monthly meeting on December 28 at the Lumber Company Restaurant in Silsbee. An excellent, all you can eat buffet was prepared just for the club. Zeke Provost presided for the last time, as his term was ended. Fifteen members and one guest were present. Zeke opened the meeting with the pledge to the flag. Barbara Edwards presented the Outstanding Member award to Jack Provost, the fourth time Jack has been so honored. The club voted to renew it's ANA and TNA memberships for 1994. It was also decided to write to the ANA about receiving some coin books ANA was giving away, in hope that they could be used as door prizes. The slate of club officers for 1994, announced in November, was approved without any opposition or nominations from the floor.

President Jerry Williams called the January 25 meeting to order and led the pledge to the flag. Fourteen members and guest Kay Crane were in attendance. Kay, a frequent visitor, was voted in as the first new member of 1994. Jerry called for committee volunteers, with great success: *Show*, Jack Provost, Art Larkin, Jim Cawley (alternate); *Auction*, Jack, Art, Judy Matherne, Jerry; *Christmas Party*, Barbara, Judy; *Awards*, Jack, John Barnes, Jerry; *Nominating*, George Thornhill, Zeke Provost, Jim; *ANA Representative*, Barbara; *TNA Representative*, Jerry; *Librarian*, Ed White. There was some discussion about the San Francisco Mint, the Old Granite Lady, closing down and reopening. Jim Cawley agreed to be the club representative for publicity for National Coin Week and the club's planned coin drop on the first Sunday of NCW. Ed White gave a very good program on the ANA and what it has to offer to both individuals and clubs.

--club newsletter (Barbara Edwards, editor)

DISTRICT XVII

Twenty-seven members and three guests attended the January 13 meeting of the **Waco Coin Club**, which was held in the meeting room of the local Holiday Lodge. The club was happy to welcome Russell Carlisle, of Hubbard, as a new member. Russell became the 36th person to join or renew in 1994. It was announced that Don Miller, TNA District 17 Governor and club 1st V.P., has been transferred by his employer to South Carolina. 2nd V.P. Darron Ellsworth was elected 1st V.P., and Fred Gowdy was recommended to serve as TNA District Governor. During a discussion concerning the small size of the new meeting room, J.P. Larsen announced that he could arrange for the use of the Democratic Activities Center for a fee of $10 per meeting. The offer was unanimously accepted. The last item of business was a report by George Kubal on the Waco Coin and Stamp Show scheduled for March 26-27. An auction concluded the meeting.

Despite an 83 degree temperature on February 8, the February 10 meeting was cancelled due to a mini-blizzard. The weather did not, however, stop the production of the new monthly club newsletter, *Wacoinews*, on George Kubal's computer. The newsletter is graphically pleasing and quite colorful. The March issue promised that the March meeting will be highlighted by guest speaker Dr. Brad Willis' talk on a $1 note issued by the city of Waco in 1875, the only known example of which is in the collection of his grandfather, John Todd Willis.

The club meets at 7:30 p.m. on the second Thursday of each month at its new location, the Democratic Party Center, 1500 Washington Avenue. The May 12 meeting will be swap night, and everyone is invited to bring trading material. Visitors are always welcome.

--club newsletter, *WACOINEWS* (J.P. Jones, editor)

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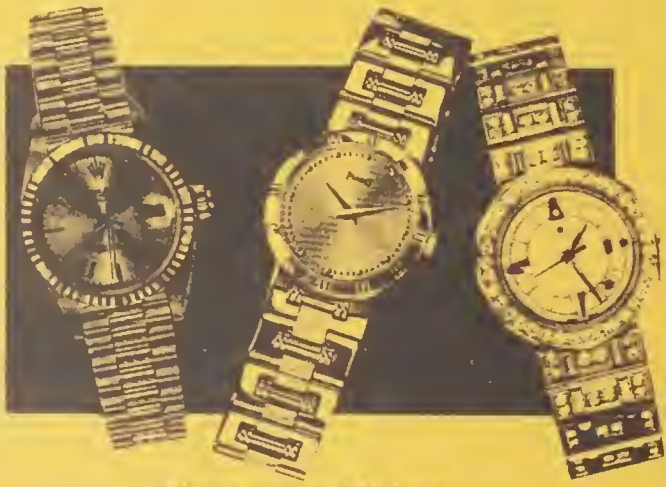

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